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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Administration

THROUGH : Deputy Project Director

SUBJECT : Billeting

REFERENCE :

dated 6 February 1956

Censor. Para. 2 agrees with my understanding of the requirements. However, I understand that there is 1 civilian in Det. A below grade 7

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1. I am in agreement with your feeling that we accept USAF billeting standards. The points that you cited, particularly those in paragraph 3 of your memorandum, emphasize the fact that the best and most secure arrangement will be that which "follows the USAF book". To do otherwise would, as you say, attract undue attention as well as invite morale problems.

2. However, in adopting a policy of adhering to USAF practices, I believe we must "follow the book" consistently with regard to CIA civilians as well as USAF airmen. Your paragraph 4 raised the question in my mind as to whether all Agency civilians are, in fact, entitled to officer-equivalent treatment. A discussion of this subject during our meeting at the Pentagon on 16 February left me with the impression that all detachment civilians have a grade of GS-7 or higher, and thus are entitled to officer-equivalent treatment. Consequently, there would appear to be no need for documenting CIA civilians higher than their actual grade. Would you advise me if my understanding of this is incorrect?

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Project Director

RMB:gjs (23 Feb 56)

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